

# South Carolina Exports to Australia



South Carolina's export shipments of merchandise to Australia in 2003 totaled \$228 million, the 18th largest figure among the 50 states. Exports to Australia accounted for 1.9 percent of the state total in 2003, the 15th highest share among the states.

Australia was South Carolina's tenth largest export market in 2003, ranking behind France but ahead of Hong Kong.

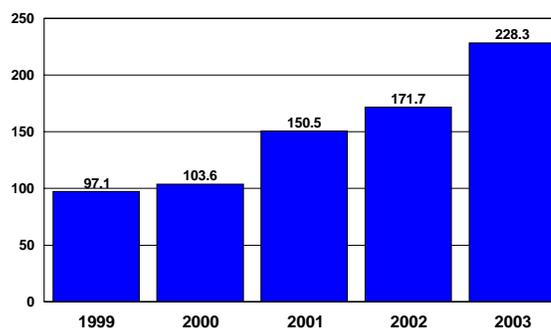
South Carolina's exports to Australia increased by \$131 million from 1999 to 2003, the fourth largest dollar increase nationally; South Carolina trailed only Washington, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. The \$131 million gain was also the sixth largest export increase recorded by the state to any of its major markets.

In percentage terms, South Carolina's exports to Australia rose 135 percent from 1999 to 2003—the sixth largest increase among the states, behind only Nevada, Washington, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Kentucky. The 135 percent export gain to Australia over this period was also the tenth largest percentage increase posted by South Carolina to any of its top markets. Overall, the state's exports to Australia during 1999–2003 grew more than twice as fast as its exports to the world as a whole.

The state's top export category to Australia, by far, is transportation equipment. In 2003, South Carolina exported \$118 million worth

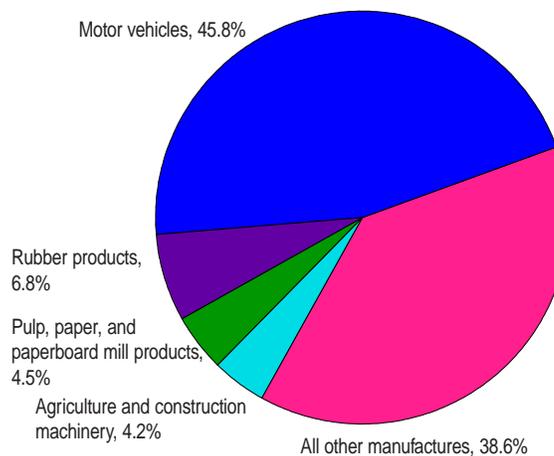
## South Carolina's Exports to Australia Grew 135 Percent From 1999 to 2003

Merchandise Exports to Australia, \$ Millions



## South Carolina Exported \$228 Million in Manufactured Goods to Australia in 2003

Motor Vehicles Dominate



Note: Manufactures are a subcategory of total merchandise exports, which also include mining commodities and unprocessed agricultural products.

Source: Origin of Movement Series, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. The Origin of Movement (OM) series allocates exports to states based on transportation origin, i.e., the state from which goods begin their journey to the port (or other point of exit) from the United States. The transportation origin of exports is not always the same as the location where the goods were produced. Thus, conclusions about "export production" in a state should not be made solely on the basis of the Origin of Movement state export figures.

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of transportation equipment to Australia, or more than half of the state's total exports to this market (including non-manufactures). Within the transportation equipment sector, motor vehicles led in 2003, recording shipments of \$104 million.



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South Carolina's other leading exports to Australia in 2003 included machinery manufactures (\$27 million, of which agricultural and construction machinery accounted for \$10 million) and plastics and rubber products (\$23 million, of which rubber products accounted for \$16 million).

The transportation equipment category has driven growth in the state's exports to Australia. Shipments of these products increased by \$106 million from 1999 to 2003.

### Australia Was South Carolina's Tenth Largest Market for Merchandise Exports in 2003

Value of South Carolina's Merchandise Exports to Its 30 Largest Markets

